**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

Tuesday 2 April—Friday 12 April
Year 12 Mid Stage Exams

Thursday 11 April
KHS Cross Country Royal National Park

Monday 15 April—Friday 26 April
School Holidays

Monday 29—Tuesday 30 April
Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 1 May
Term 2 Students Return to School

Thursday 9 May
School Athletics Carnival at Sylvania Waters
Sydney School Surfing Championships
CHS Netball Carnival

Friday 10 May
Year 7 Science Excursion to the Zoo
Sydney School Surfing Championships

Friday 10 May—Sunday 12 May
KHS Fundraising Eisteddfod in the School Hall

Monday 13 May
School Vaccinations for Year 7 Girls & Boys and Years 8 & 9 Boys

**ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT**

The 2012 Annual School Report has been uploaded to the school website and provides an overview of the 2012 school year at Kirrawee High School. It reports on the many successes of our students and provides a balanced view of the school context, significant projects and initiatives, performance, academic achievements and progress on 2012 targets.

**P&C MEETINGS**

The P&C leadership team welcomes all Kirrawee parents to attend the next P&C meeting on Monday 13 May at 7.30 pm in the Library – entry to the school is via the gates near the Library in Kirk Crescent.

P&C meetings are generally held on Monday of Week 3 and Week 7 each term. The remaining dates for 2013 are:

- 13 May 2013
- 17 June 2013 (week 8)
- 29 July 2013
- 26 August 2013
- 21 October 2013
- 18 November 2013

The P&C representatives for 2013 are:

- **President:** Matt Whittingstall
- **Vice-President:** Jeremy Bennett
- **Treasurer:** Charlie Hunnisett
- **Secretary:** Lisa Pigna
- **Uniform Co-Ordinators:** Rachel Renphrey & Patricía Harrison
- **School Council Representative:** Mick Ryan
- **P&C Federation Regional Council:** Don Lang
- **Year 6-7 Panel Representative:** Alison Julian
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SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council meetings for members of the council are generally held on Tuesdays of Week 4 each term. The remaining dates for 2013 are:

* 21 May 2013  
* 6 August 2013  
* 29 October 2013

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Following our Year 6 to 7 evening last month we are now finalising expressions of interest from local and non-local students. At a conservative estimate we had between 800 and 900 people attend to see what Kirrawee offered. Our two student speakers Sophie Quay (Year 7) and Kai Sakakibara (Year 11) did a wonderful job in giving their perspective on what a positive place KHS has been for them.

We expect to enrol around 200 Year 7 students in 2014. We offer around 50 non-local places each year. Using established criteria, our placement panel will meet on 8 May to determine placements. Parents will be notified in writing towards the end of May regarding the outcome of non-local expressions of interest. The panel will consider appeals on 17 June. Our panel, which has parent representation, completes a thorough, exhaustive and fair process of decision-making each year.

YEAR 12 INFORMATION AND PREPARATION EVENING

The Year 12 Information and Preparation Evening held in Week 6 was again a huge success thanks to the organisation of Melissa Kenehan our Head Teacher – Welfare. It was very well attended by parents and students who were given a clear message of what is required during the time remaining before the HSC examinations begin for students to achieve their personal best. It was very sobering for many parents and students.

This year our guest speakers giving a student’s perspective were last year’s Year 12 HSC candidates Sam Jeffrey, Sarah Reece and Jazz Dolso. They did an exceptional job of conveying their personal HSC journey, the depth and breadth of the study required for the HSC and gave many positive tips to HSC success.

This was followed by one of our students from 5 years ago Olympian and Bronze medal winner Nicola Zagame. She did an amazing job of describing the challenges and her solutions of balancing her sporting and work commitments during the HSC to achieve her ATAR goal. She went on to talk a little about her London Olympic Games success and described one of her highlights as being when she came out onto the pool deck for the Olympic semi-final match and seeing two of her former teachers in the crowd cheering and waving madly at her. This of course was our former staff members Joe Hewitt and Derek Hulme.

BOYS CRICKET

As we go to print our Boys Davidson Shield Open Cricket Team is about to play in the state final to be held in Bathurst. We wish the team and their coach Mark Mitchell all the best in this prestigious event. While they have played exceptionally well in all their matches it should be noted that their approach to the game on the field is also highly commendable.

Following their match to make the semi-finals I received an email from the coach of the Karabar team praising our boys for their sportsmanship and positive disposition during the match. This is a credit to the team and their coach Mark Mitchell.

STOP PRESS: Our team has defeated Asquith high School to become State Champions.

Bob Hollywood
Principal

KIRRAWEE HIGH SCHOOL REFUND POLICY

If an excursion or event is cancelled the school will automatically process refunds and a cheque will be sent home.

If your child has paid for an excursion or event and they do not attend you must apply in writing for a refund to Christine Jones.

Refunds are not given for entry to venues which have been paid in advance by the school or for bus fares, as the cost of this fare is based on the number of students attending.

Christine Jones
Administrative Manager

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Year 10 and Year 11 Evening
Thursday 2 May 7.30pm

In 2012 the current Year 11 was the first cohort to complete Year 10 as part of gaining a Record of School Achievement (RoSA). The changes will now involve the current Year 10 and continue to impact on Year 11 2013. To ensure that both students and parents are fully aware of the changes and the implications for all aspects of schooling up to and including the HSC, an evening has been arranged at Kirrawee on Thursday 2 May at 7.30pm. The reality is academic attainments from Year 10 up to Year 12 will now be part of an academic transcript that will have implications for students who will apply for early entry, selective entry and university scholarships and employment opportunities. The purpose of the evening is to raise awareness and understanding of the RoSA.

The key speaker on this evening will be Cheryl Russell, the Board of Studies Liaison Officer for our area who will be able to address all concerns. Our Head Teacher Welfare, Melissa Kenehan will also outline arrangements of mandatory programs and school based strategies to support students.

Fully implemented the RoSA will:

- Be a record of the full range of student achievements right up to the day they do their HSC or leave school
- Provide an electronic record of achievements that students can use at any time
- Use assessment by teachers in schools, moderated by the Board of Studies NSW to ensure reliability and fairness of grades
- Provide the capacity to record vocational courses and students’ vocational experiences as well as citizenship and leadership achievements such as First Aid courses, community languages courses and Duke of Edinburgh awards
- Offer on-line literacy and numeracy tests, with particular emphasis on work readiness that students will be able to undertake twice a year.

At Kirrawee it will continue to be our policy that a student may not continue into Year 11 if they have not met all the requirements of Stage 5. The law in NSW is that a student must attend school until they are 17. If a student wants to leave school prior to that they must have satisfactorily completed Stage 5 and be going to full time TAFE, full time work or a combination of work and TAFE.

This is an important evening in the school calendar and Mr Hollywood and I will be available to take questions from the audience.

Stephen Smith
Deputy Principal Curriculum (Relieving)

Applications for Kirrawee Medal, Gold Medals and Silver Medals will be handed out to all Year 12 at the Wednesday morning meeting in Term 2, Week 1.

Students are responsible for the filling out and returning of forms to Ms Price by 3pm Friday June 28 (last day term 2).

No late applications will be accepted under any circumstances.

If there are any questions in relation to the application form please contact Ms Price.

Thankyou
Ms Price

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What a start to Term 1! Our seniors have been working really well honing their skills. Our juniors are enthusiastically embracing all the language opportunities on offer.

Year 10 Japanese and French classes participated in a languages workshop at the University of Wollongong. A variety of professionals and university students shared their experiences learning a foreign language and highlighted the advantages of having a second language post high school. Our students also took part in language specific workshops. Their enthusiasm and language proficiency was praised by their teachers Ms Potter and Ms Botros as well as the other teachers at the workshop. Please read Julian Bonser’s account of the excursion below.

Over the next couple of weeks Year 8 Japanese classes will be visiting the Tanken Centre, immersing themselves into Japanese language and culture. This is truly the closest experience to being in Japan. Please read what Emily thought about her visit to the Tanken Centre.

We are fortunate to have the help of our volunteer Japanese assistant, Shungo Kanda, helping the senior Japanese students and our French assistant, Preskelcia Samuel, helping the senior French students to develop high order communication skills. We really appreciate their professional input and contribution. Preskelcia has been hosted by Brooke Davey and her family and Mrs Swinyard from the Tanken Centre and Shungo has been hosted by Rory Julian and his family this term. The assistants contribute to the level of excellence that Kirrawee Language programs provide and I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the families that open their homes and share their lives with our assistants. We all appreciate your kindness.

Emma Quan
Head Teacher Languages

On Friday the 15th of February the Japanese and French Students of year 10 were off to the University of Wollongong for a languages day excursion held at the University.

We were all up early at Sutherland station ready for our day out to Wollongong Uni.

When we arrived we were all ushered in to a lecture hall where a lecturer explained all about how other people had utilised the language that they studied as well as what the university had to offer language students. This was eye opening as I personally didn’t realise there were so many career paths regarding languages.

After this we had a quick break where we had some wonderful Subway cookies and a bottle of water. Subsequently we were placed into groups in which we did a variety of activities in our target language led by our guides. We were given instructions in Japanese or French and we had to find our way around the Uni campus to discover locations using and speaking only in the target language. This was fun and a great way to explore the campus.

Next up…. Lunch, which was a Subway 6 inch sub!

After we had completed these activities we enjoyed another lecture and gained insight into how famous people use languages in their lives and about the exchange programs that are provided.

The trip home was quite uneventful although the train was late, which was a letdown. However, it gave us time to think about what we had just heard and play some charades. The teachers were extremely impressed by our behaviour on the platform whilst waiting for the train.

All in all it was a great day that helped us to understand the benefits of studying a language. The great food was a bonus.

Bonjour or Konnichiwa

Thanks to Ms Botros and Mrs Potter for organising the excursion.

Julian Bonser 10 Fr6

My class, 8L, recently visited the Nihongo Tanken Centre as an excursion for Japanese. We were all looking forward to getting a taste of Japanese culture, and food!

When you walk into the Tanken Centre, it almost feels like you are in Japan. There are sliding paper walls, tatami mats, and you have to wear special slippers when you enter. Our class completed many activities which were fun, and also improved our Japanese speaking skills. We played lots of quizzes, and our teams competed in games that sometimes got very intense! We also learnt how to draw manga characters and dressed up for photos. Our teachers, Jean Sensei and Yoshi Sensei were nice and explained things if you didn’t understand. Which was more often than not since they barely spoke a word of English the whole day! Going to the Nihongo Tanken Centre was a great experience that gave us an authentic insight into Japanese Culture.

Emily Whittingstall 8L
In March our year 10, and 12 Visual Arts students went to the NSW Art Gallery to see ArtExpress, and the Kaldor Family Contemporary Art Collection. Year 11 saw the ArtExpress and the Archibald Exhibition.

ArtExpress at the NSW Art Gallery was an excellent exhibition of HSC Visual Arts students’ Body of Works. Year 12 students were asked to look closely at the exhibition and select 3 artworks that were similar to their own artmaking practice, either technically, conceptually or both. Students then noted how these artworks were successfully resolved. The intention was to then use this information: written observations, drawings and photographs of the selected works, to further enhance the artmaking work being experienced in both the class room and at home.

Year 10 and Year 12 also had an enjoyable experience viewing the Kaldor Family Contemporary Art Collection. This exhibition is very postmodern and challenging and thus engaged our students on a number of levels. Year 12, in particular, are currently studying contemporary art practice, so to interact with avant garde works from around the world really reinforced and supported the theory work studied in class.

Year 11 and 12 students also attended the Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery to see ArtExpress in March. Students went during Visual Arts class time and were transported by bus provided, for free, by the gallery. The students saw work produced by former Visual Arts students Sarah Butler and Sarah Reece whose artworks were on display, and were inspired by seeing fellow Kirrawee High School students selected for exhibition in ArtExpress. Our students really enjoyed going to this exhibition and were very impressed with the quality of work on display.

Overall, our students had a great time attending these exhibitions and for some it was their first trip to the NSW Art Gallery and the Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery. Hopefully they, and all our students, will continue to be interested and motivated to visit these galleries again in the future.

Ken Tucker - Visual Arts Incursion

On Monday, 18 March, the Year 11 Visual Arts class, 11VA5, participated in a painting workshop conducted by Australian landscape painter, Ken Tucker.

Students worked with Ken Tucker at school and painted the school landscape. The aim of the incursion was to develop the students’ painting skills and technique. Ken Tucker focused on painting plein air - which is painting outside of the classroom environment, and painting the landscape directly onto a canvas.

Ken Tucker demonstrated how to paint the landscape outside of the studio and without the assistance of photographic material. Students were encouraged to work expressively with their materials. He showed our students step by step how to paint a landscape composition straight onto a canvas; how to build up the tones with washes of paint; and then how to add colour and texture with more paint application.

Ken Tucker kindly volunteered his time and expertise as a plein air painter, and the students had a rewarding experience working in a different way in their Visual Arts course.
What is the latest from Music

Well, this term has been a very busy one for many of the students. The Senior Stage Band represented the school magnificently at the Year 6 Information Night. They were a credit to the department and Mr Laboyrie was very pleased with their performance.

Music Showcase was held on Monday March 18. We had to put this back a week due to key students being unavailable for the March 11 date. The night was a glittering showcase of the five major groups—Junior and Senior Stage Band, Junior and Senior Acapella Groups and the Wind Orchestra. The five comperes for the evening, Chantal Rodriguez, Kelly Bolton, Brooke Walmley, Emmaline Ryan and Catherine Kaye, did an outstanding job of telling stories and pieces of important information to tie the night together.


The night was wrapped up by a spectacular finale—“the Bump out”. It was such a delight to see the students working like a well oiled machine. A video of all the performances was taken so that the staff are able to submit the groups and individual students for a variety of events. The three senior groups are being submitted for the Expanding Horizons Concert and Foyer Entertainment for the Schools Spectacular, and the Senior Vocal Group are also being submitted for the Festival of Voices.

The vocal groups had their first publicity shots taken before the night began. This was very exciting for the students as you can well imagine. The Senior Acapella shots will be seen on the promotion for the Christmas in July Show with Ian Cooper “The Andre Rieu Spectacular” to be held at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre on July 16.

The staff need to be congratulated for a fabulous event. As with all of these nights, organization is the key. Mrs Fawer was an extraordinary Back Stage Manager, making sure the night flowed well. Ms Moroney and the Junior Stage were fantastic with their version of Mission Impossible and 25 or 6 to 4. I really thought Tom Cruise was going to enter the building. This was the first time the community got to meet Mr Laboyrie. His professionalism and talent shone as he guided the Senior Stage Band to a smashing end.

The next exciting event on the calendar is of course the Choral Concerts to be held at Town Hall on Monday 13th May. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Kerri Lacey
Term 1 is fast coming to an end and yet it feels like it was only last week that I wrote my first report for our newsletter. It is pleasing to see the great work students are currently doing in the TAS department especially Year Seven. They have been working on carry bags in Textiles, surfing kangaroo in Wood, decorative brackets in Metals and have been cooking up a storm in the kitchens.

During the last few weeks parents and their children have been visiting classrooms to have a look at the school and see the work our students are doing. I have been very proud of the students and teachers in the classrooms who have welcomed the visitors and answered any questions. All the parents I have spoken to have been very impressed by the school, staff and students. I need to acknowledge the students who gave up valuable class time to act as guides for the visiting parents and who were outstanding ambassadors for the school.

Planning is well underway for the building of a new COLA between the basketball courts and the school oval. We are just waiting for some comparison quotes to come in and we hope to start construction early Term 2.

Week 8 sees the first Year 7 and 8 rotation to their new area of study in Industrial Arts, for example if you child was doing Woodwork they will move into Metals or Graphics. Students who are doing Food Technology or Textiles stay in their subject for a full Term. If your child is a little confused or unsure tell them to ask their teacher or go to the TAS staffroom where you will always get some great advice.

A big thank you to the Hospitality students who did a great job catering for the Regional Deputy Principals meeting held at the school on Wednesday 13 March. Mrs Matthews and Mr Munsie received many positive comments on the great food, coffee, setting and music.

Mr Porter has continued to lead the school’s environment team and has recently introduced a composting bin into the TAS courtyard. This will allow the school to produce compost for the gardens while being environmentally responsible by reducing waste going to landfill. This composting system will support the delivery of Sustainable Practices which is a mandatory unit that is studied in Hospitality and also the many subjects that have sustainable practices within their syllabus.

Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} March delivered some very exciting news for Ms Treacy and one of her Hospitality students: It is with much pride and excitement that we announce that Elise Naylor from the year 12 Hospitality class has won a place in the prestigious ‘Live The Life’ program at The Hotel School. Students from all over the State applied for entry into this program with only 15 being selected.

This is a two day residential program at the 5 star Hotel in Sydney. The program is designed for outstanding Hospitality students who wish to pursue a career in the Hospitality industry. This program is valued at over $800.00 and will allow Elise to attend and stay overnight with a family member. The whole TAS faculty would like to wish Elise all the best and hopes this program will help her fulfil her dreams.

Well done Elise and Ms Treacy.

Robert Lawson  
Head Teacher TAS
Kirrawee’s budding legal fraternity got off to a strong start in the first legal case for 2013 against Holy Spirit College, Bellambi. All team members were filled with anticipation and trepidation at the complexities of the legal argument on proving beyond the balance of probabilities that a garage repair shop took reasonable steps to ensure the safety and security of motor vehicles being serviced at their premises. The Kirrawee High team was designated the position of plaintiff and demonstrated excellent skills in presenting the claim of negligence of the defendant not discharging his duty to safeguard the vehicle booked in for service by their client.

Our solicitor, Kerri Martin, was commended by the magistrate for her precise and concise legal notes that established Kirrawee’s stance on the case before the court. Our barristers, Nicholas Bird and Emma Brunker, were persistent in their cross-examination of the employees of the garage to prove the case of negligence. Witnesses, Bethany Sell and James Murray – Prior proved their creditability by providing a passionate and humorous account of the events that led to the stealing of the motor vehicle. Our court clerk, Abbey Walder-Toll, ensured proper court procedures were followed.

It is a steep learning curve for students to develop an understanding of the legal matters pertaining to the court case as well as having the ability to think quickly on their feet when being besiegged by countless questions by the opposing barristers. Our team won the case in fine style and are busily preparing for the next case.

Years 9 Commerce and 11 Economics classes have begun their trading of shares on the national School Sharemarket Game competition. Students are busily researching companies to take advantage of any capital gains they perceive can be made in the 10 week game period. Each week students are monitoring their portfolio and making decisions as to whether to buy new stock, sell poor performing shares or hold onto those shares they believe will appreciate in value over the course of the competition. Students are reminded that trading continues over the holidays so reading newspapers, business journals and listening to the news should keep them in good stead to performing well in the competition. Yasmeen Abdalla, Jayden Attard and Molly Black have had a capital gain of $340 in Year 9 Commerce. Amy Lynch is leading the way in Year 11 with a $237 gain in her portfolio in three weeks. Good luck to all our budding millionaires!
SPORT

BOYS CRICKET

The boys cricket team have qualified for the NSWCHS Final against Asquith Boys High School in Bathurst after two clinical performances through the month of March.

**NSWCHS Quarter Final - vs. Karabar High School**
March 6 at Jannali Oval
KHS 4/88 defeated Karabar High School 85 by 6 wickets.

After a sloppy performance in the field the previous match, the boys were back to their best for this quarter final clash. Benn Hallman and Abhi Mangipudi were again outstanding with the new ball without any luck. Bowling honours were shared between our two spinners (Dan Fallins with 3/16 and Angus Dibley with 3/24), and Mitchell Botskor, taking 2/10 on his return to the starting XI. The fielding was outstanding, led by Jono Rose with the gloves with two dismissals.

Our batsmen made light work of the total, obtaining the winning runs with 16 overs to spare. Jono Rose was the top scorer with 22, followed by a quick-fire 17 off 8 balls from Harry Chapman.

**NSWCHS Semi Final - vs. Wagga Wagga High School**
March 20 at McPherson Oval, North Wagga Wagga.
KHS 3/92 defeated WW High School 91 by 7 wickets.

The 10 hour return trip was completely worth it as the boys put in another dominant performance to qualify for the NSWCHS final. After experiencing the Wagga Wagga nightlife, and enjoying ‘beach’ front accommodation on the Murrumbidgee, the boys were outstanding from ball one. Dan Fallins (4/9) and skipper Ben Williams (3/16) were the stars with the ball, backed up by excellent fielding and sharp wicketkeeper by Jono Rose. His stumping off pace bowler Mitchell Botskor was particularly outstanding, leaving Wagga Wagga all out for 91.

Steve Curtis and Dane Fisher got us off to a solid start in the run chase, with the middle order finishing the job. Jono Rose was again the top scorer (32*), with Dane Fisher and Brendan Royall both scoring 16. It was hard work for the batsmen all day, with no boundaries scored by either team on a large field. Victory was achieved with 6 overs to spare and a spot in the final awaits us!

A huge vote of thanks goes out to the parents that drove and supported the team on this trip: Sue Hallman, Jackie Fallins, Sharon Rose, Andrew Royall, Matt Dibley (and Grandma Dibley), Christine Williams, Bev Bonser, and Sandra Chapman. The boys and the school are very lucky to have such supportive parents.

SUTHERLAND ZONE SWIMMING

Another hugely successful Zone swimming carnival, with Kirrawee High once again winning the carnival. We had 13 relay teams qualifying for the Sydney East carnival, with Nick Hards (13 Years), Emma Southwell (15 Years), Jack Harrison (16 Years) and Jack Robertson (17 Years) picking up the Zone Age Champion title.

SYDNEY EAST SWIMMING

At the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, our relay teams once again dominated the pool, with 9 out of 13 teams qualifying for the State swimming carnival. Michaela Campbell, Maisie Bright, Hayden Fulcher, Nick Hards, Jake Hatcher, Ruby Hatcher, and Emma Southwell were the outstanding individual performers, all qualifying for State. Kirrawee High will once again be sending a strong team of 36 swimmers to the State carnival, a wonderful achievement.
RUGBY LEAGUE

Welcome to Rugby League for the 2013 season!!

The Buckley Shield team were the first to play this year and after trailing 10 – nil after 10 minutes, I was starting to think it may be a long season. Due to some strong running and defence from our forwards the backs soon had room to move and started using the ball. This created many opportunities for the team and we were soon leading 16 -10.

The second half gave us the downhill advantage and as the Leichardt big forwards started to tire our team started to dominate. It is pleasing to say our boys listened to the coaching staff’s advice and always tried to act on it which produced more ball movement and an avalanche of tries.

I am very proud of the boys, not for the win but because they played to the best of their ability, treated the ref with respect, even when things were not going our way and always supported each other.

Well done to all the players and to those who helped by covering classes or helping set up.

U/14 Buckley Shield
KHS 42 def Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt 10

Well the open boys had a lot to live up to after the efforts of the 14’s, and they did not disappoint.

Much like the juniors game it was very tough for the first 15 minutes of the game with the lead changing hands several times and some big defence from both sides. We fell into the trap of going one up the middle too often and not using the space out wide or when we did we dropped the ball.

I think one of the turning points of the game was a great ball from Rhys Schreuder to our flying fullback Patrick McLaughlin who hit the ball close and with pace. For most of the second half our team dominated and due to fatigue setting in Sydney Tech scored some easy tries towards the end of the game.

The opens were told at the beginning of the game that the only things they were allowed to say to the ref was “yes sir”, “no sir” and “sorry sir” which they did and were able to enjoy the penalties that the ref gave us due to the other team mouthing off.

It is great that the seniors will follow some simple rules, a great effort from all especially those boys who have had little or no Rugby League experience.

Once again I walked away very proud of the team, thanks boys.

Opens University Shield
KHS 44 def Sydney Tech HS 26

Two wonderful results for the boys and coach, Mr Lawson.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

NSWCHS Knock Out – Round 1
KHS 8 defeated Lucas Hts Community School 1

Goalscorers: Jordy Baker, Sienna Pigna, Pheobe Hick and Beth Whitaker.

Well done girls, and coach Ms Sites.

UPCOMING DATES:

Swimming - NSW CHS Carnival is at SOPAC, Homebush, Thursday 4 to Saturday 6 April 2013.

Cross Country – KHS Cross Country carnival is at the Royal National Park on Thursday April 11, 2013.
Dear Parent/Guardian,

Students in years 9 and 10 are now required to select their sport for winter (Terms 2 and 3). Students will be required to make their sport selection online using their unique login code. Popular sports will fill up quickly, so students are required to make their choices as soon as possible. No guarantee is made on every student getting the first choice, so make both choices carefully.

This information is published in the newsletter to allow you to encourage your child to make a wise decision for their sport selection, especially in regards to the cost of their chosen sport. Students will not be able to change their sport once they have selected it (except under extenuating circumstances).

Please also make note of the following information:

- Term 2 sport choices will commence on Week 3 on Tuesday May 14.
- Students doing Surf Training, Gymnastics and Zumba must pay their term fees by Friday May 24, 2013. A term fee will also be required for Term 3 in the same sport. Students who have failed to pay their outstanding sport fees from previous terms may be excluded from these sports.
- Students in Water Polo, Surfing and Surf Training must also return the permission note supplied by their respective teachers each term before they will be allowed to attend the sport. This is keeping with the Department of Education’s water sport policy.

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to an enjoyable season of school sport.

Regards,

Mr M Mitchell—Sports Coordinator

### Sport Selections Winter 2013 (Terms 2 and 3)

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Year 10 Science and Year 12 Physics Luna Park Excursion

Once again the Luna Park excursion was a great day of learning for all, especially by our sparkling harbour on a lovely February day. We were the only school there so everyone was exhausted by the time we had to leave.

Year 9 Techno Expo
Is everything better now?

Year 9 visited the Powerhouse museum and Imax theatre on Wednesday 27 March to learn about setting up exhibits.

This experience will help them to develop their displays for the year 9 Technoexpo – in which students will work in groups to research the history of a technology and the scientific principles behind the technology. The work will be judged on Friday 5 May and the best displays will be kept for the Parent Teacher nights in Term 3.

Year 9 students will also be participating in an ESSA trial during the next two weeks.

Studying for Half Yearly Exams

Help is available on Moodle with topic summaries and KISS note summaries for every topic.

Learning Centre help – we have two periods allotted for the senior sciences – make a booking with Ms Crysler or Dr Beyer, don’t forget that your teacher is always ready to help – just ask!

I am pleased to announce that we have been awarded a Solar Car Kit which is an addition to the STELR renewable energy project award. The STELR equipment was awarded last year and Year 9 students will be ready to start using the kits in TERM 2.

Thank You

A big thank you to all our volunteers who helped with the covering of text books for the Science Department.

Narelle Johnston
Head Teacher Science
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**HOST FAMILY REQUIRED**

Yoki Hashimoto in Year 10 is currently an exchange student from Japan at Kirrawee High School till the end of 2013.

The AFS Intercultural Program is the organisation hosting Yoki and they are looking for a new host family as Yoko’s current host family are only able to host her temporarily.

If you are interested please contact Amelia Drane at amelia.drane@afs.org for all the relevant information.

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